

# **celebrating the Year of The Bible 2011**



**Reading the Bible together  
across the Diocese**

**Using the Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman**

Dear Friends,

It is very exciting that you are taking part in this challenge to read the whole of the Bible in a year, well almost!

We hope that by undertaking this task you will feel part of a big event across the Diocese that joins our family of schools together.

We also hope that 'Reading the Bible together across the Diocese' will give children a greater understanding of the concept that Christian teachings are sourced from the whole of the Bible, right from the beginning God had a plan and a purpose, that the theme of God's love is constant throughout and the Bible is full of amazing people whose actions and lives affect ours.

I have tried to include some of the less well known stories, but many great stories are missing from this list, so you may wish to include extra ones.




What to do? It's easy.

Just read the Bible story for the week one day during that week as part of your Collective Worship. You can then use the themes that day and on other occasions too.

Enjoy taking part

*Lisa*




## Spring 1 - Old Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011</b>	<b>In the Beginning</b> The story of creation: Genesis 1-2	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Beginnings</li> <li>○ The amazing variety in creation</li> <li>○ Caring for the environment</li> <li>○ Creativity - we can be creative</li> <li>○ Favourite things that God has created</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bag for life</li> <li>○ Clean sheet of paper</li> <li>○ Awesome pictures of creation</li> <li>○ Your favourite plants and animals</li> <li>○ A gift box with a globe inside</li> </ul>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b>	<b>The Tall Tower</b> The story of the Tower of Babel: Genesis 11	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God is the most important</li> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Working together for the right goal</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A pile of bricks - Who can make the tallest tower?</li> <li>○ A person speaking in a foreign language</li> <li>○ A pile of phrase books</li> <li>○ A team working together</li> </ul>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b>	<b>God's Friend</b> The call of Abraham: Genesis 12, 17-18, 21	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trusting God</li> <li>○ Obedience</li> <li>○ Laughter</li> <li>○ Moving to a new place</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Milk and honey</li> <li>○ A night sky</li> <li>○ A family tree</li> <li>○ Book of baby names with meanings</li> <li>○ What makes you laugh</li> </ul>

<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Secret Baby</b> The birth of Moses: Exodus 1-2</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Secrets</li> <li>○ God has a plan for all of us</li> <li>○ Watching and being ready for action (Moses' Sister)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baby doll in a Moses basket</li> <li>○ Pictures of famous leaders as babies e.g. the Queen, Prime Minister, Barak Obama etc.</li> <li>○ Picture of an Egyptian princess</li> </ul>
<p><b>31<sup>st</sup> January 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Burning Bush</b> The call of Moses: Exodus 3-4</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "I can't" - "Oh but you can"</li> <li>○ Obedience and trust in God</li> <li>○ Courage</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A pair of shoes/sandals</li> <li>○ Shepherd's crook</li> <li>○ A plant covered in paper flames</li> <li>○ Is it possible for something to be on fire but not burn up?</li> <li>○ Occasions when the children have shown courage</li> </ul>
<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Great Escape</b> The story of the exodus: Exodus 7-14</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Freedom</li> <li>○ Slavery and freedom</li> <li>○ Rescue</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Images of the pyramids and Egyptians</li> <li>○ Chains</li> <li>○ Packing in a hurry, what would you take?</li> <li>○ Discuss being stuck or trapped somewhere and being rescued</li> </ul>




<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b></p>	<p><b>A Long Journey</b>  Moses leads his people through the wilderness:  Exodus 16-40</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moaning and complaining - why?</li> <li>○ Trusting God</li> <li>○ Good rules to follow</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A box of Frosties (Manna)</li> <li>○ Poster of rules</li> <li>○ Picture of Mount Sinai, the desert and wilderness - What would life be like living here?</li> </ul>
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## Spring 2 - New Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b>	<b>The Boy in the Temple</b> The visit to the Temple: Luke 2	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wisdom</li> <li>○ Jesus' humanity</li> <li>○ Asking big questions</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amazing questions</li> <li>○ The children can teach the teachers</li> <li>○ This is the only story about Jesus as a boy. I wonder why?</li> </ul>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b>	<b>Jesus is Baptised</b> The baptism of Jesus: Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beginnings</li> <li>○ Special people</li> <li>○ Baptism</li> <li>○ A special job to do</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Picture of the River Jordan</li> <li>○ Getting ready for an event</li> <li>○ Jesus' job description</li> </ul>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b>	<b>Down Through the Roof</b> Jesus heals a paralysed man: Luke 5	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friendship</li> <li>○ Miracles</li> <li>○ Jesus' Power</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How far would you go to help your friends?</li> <li>○ A rolled up mat</li> <li>○ Being in a crowd at an amazing event</li> </ul>

<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Marvellous Picnic</b>          Jesus feeds five thousand people: Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sharing everything you have</li> <li>○ The biggest picnic</li> <li>○ God can do amazing things</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A picnic/lunch box/picnic rug</li> <li>○ Why did lots of people want to listen to Jesus?</li> <li>○ A basket with 5 loaves and 2 fish - try and share them out. How far would they go?</li> </ul>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Two Sisters</b>          Jesus visits Mary and Martha : Luke 10</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being fair</li> <li>○ Making a choice</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Imagine Jesus making a visit to your home. How would you feel?</li> <li>○ Being too busy to take time for important things. What matters most? What are the important things we need to remember to do?</li> <li>○ Cooking pots, broom and a chair</li> </ul>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Unforgiving Servant</b>          Jesus' story about forgiveness: Matthew 18</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Forgiveness</li> <li>○ Being forgiven and forgiving others</li> <li>○ Sorry is more than just a word</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When do we say sorry?</li> <li>○ What happens when we say sorry?</li> <li>○ Treating others as we would like to be treated.</li> </ul>




## Summer 1 - New Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April 2011</b>	<p><b>The Great Parade</b> The story of Palm Sunday: Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12</p> <p><b>An Important Meal</b> The last supper and a betrayal: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13</p> <p><b>A Dreadful Day</b> The story of Good Friday: Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19</p> <p><b>A Happy Day</b> The story of Easter: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Celebration</li> <li>○ Joy</li> <li>○ Sadness</li> <li>○ God's love</li> <li>○ Remembering</li> <li>○ New life</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Objects representing each part of the story</li> <li>○ Paintings depicting the events</li> <li>○ Empathy and feelings</li> <li>○ Easter hymns</li> <li>○ Variety of crosses</li> </ul>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011</b>	<p><b>On the Road to Emmaus</b> A resurrection appearance: Luke 24</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus is alive</li> <li>○ Jesus fulfilled the prophecy</li> <li>○ Hospitality - brings rewards</li> <li>○ Confusion to clarity</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have you ever had something so amazing to talk about you just couldn't stop talking?</li> <li>○ Imagine being there and hearing the rumours that Jesus is alive.</li> <li>○ Pretend you know nothing and ask the children questions so that they recount the Easter story</li> </ul>

<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Storm on the Lake</b>          Jesus calms the wind and waves: Matthew 8, Mark 4, Luke 8</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chaos and calm</li> <li>○ Fear to peace</li> <li>○ Trust</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A fishing boat - What do you think it would be like out at sea in a storm?</li> <li>○ A picture of Lake Galilee</li> <li>○ A sound clip of a storm - What can you hear? How do you feel?</li> <li>○ A film clip of a storm</li> </ul>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Good Shepherd</b>          The parable of the lost sheep: Matthew 18, Luke 15</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God Loves everyone</li> <li>○ God Knows each one of us</li> <li>○ God cares for us like a good shepherd</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A toy sheep</li> <li>○ A picture of a shepherd</li> <li>○ A picture of a sheep in a fold</li> <li>○ Do you think it is possible for a shepherd to know each one of his sheep?</li> <li>○ How can a shepherd know each one of his sheep?</li> <li>○ A discussion about looking for something important that was lost then found</li> <li>○ What reasons do we have for having a party?</li> </ul>

<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Pharisee and the Tax Collector</b>          Jesus speaks about prayer:          Luke 18</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prayer</li> <li>○ No One is better than anyone else</li> <li>○ God listens to everyone</li> <li>○ Being honest</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Picture of a famous sporting personality. Is he/she better than you? No, they are better at sport but not better than you.</li> <li>○ Two prayers written on card             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The prayer of the Pharisee</li> <li>2. The prayer of the Taxman</li> </ol>             Don't tell the children the author of the prayer. Just read them and ask the children which one is the better person. Then tell the story and discuss           </li> </ul>
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## Summer 2 - New Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>	<b>Goodbye at Last</b> Jesus appears to his friends: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus is alive</li> <li>○ Saying goodbye</li> <li>○ Jesus makes a promise</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A big net of fish with words from the story written on the fish</li> <li>○ A picture of a campfire - Have you ever eaten beside a camp fire?</li> <li>○ How do you feel when you have to say goodbye to someone special?</li> <li>○ After Easter what do you think the disciples did next?</li> <li>○ A globe - Who spread the word about Jesus?</li> </ul>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>	<b>The Helper Arrives</b> Pentecost: Acts 2	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Holy Spirit with us always</li> <li>○ God's power</li> <li>○ Beginning of the Church worldwide</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Who helps you?</li> <li>○ Are you anybody's helper?</li> <li>○ Waiting for something that has been promised</li> <li>○ Saying hello in lots of languages</li> <li>○ How do you learn languages?</li> <li>○ Birthday candles</li> <li>○ Sing in another language e.g. Taize or Iona (Wild Goose)</li> </ul>

<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Beautiful Gate</b> Peter and John heal a lame man: Acts 3</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A beautiful gate - Where does it lead?</li> <li>○ Giving the best you have</li> <li>○ Miracles</li> <li>○ Ugly made beautiful</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Picture of one of the gates into the city of Jerusalem</li> <li>○ A begging bowl</li> <li>○ A discussion empathising with the man</li> </ul> <p>You could hot seat the healed man.</p>
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b></p>	<p><b>On the Road to Damascus</b> Paul's conversion: Acts 7-9</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete transformation</li> <li>○ Changing your mind</li> <li>○ Believing</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cake ingredients before and after - total transformation!</li> <li>○ Saul did not believe, he needed to experience before he would trust and believe. To explain this you could use an object e.g. a toy car in a box - tell the children what is in the box. A car! Do they believe you? Why? Why not? They trust you, you can show them. A real car would be impossible but there was a car in the box. A bar of chocolate. It tastes good, do the children believe you? A story book - this is a great story, do the children believe you?</li> </ul>

<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Tabitha Wakes Up</b> Peter heals a good woman: Acts 9</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WWJD? What Would Jesus Do?</li> <li>○ Always doing your best to help</li> <li>○ Friendship</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A WWJD bracelet</li> <li>○ A pile of clothes to be mended - Who will mend these?</li> <li>○ Show the children the book of Acts so they can see where this story can be found</li> </ul>
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The Earth Shakes</b> Paul and Silas in prison: Acts 16</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paul's Adventures</li> <li>○ In prison for God - There are many people who still today are in danger of going to prison for doing God's work</li> <li>○ Freedom</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Taking advantage of people and situations at other people's cost</li> <li>○ Chains and a torch</li> <li>○ Wrap/tie a child up in bandages so they are 'trapped'. How does that feel?</li> </ul>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Paul is Shipwrecked</b> Paul goes to Rome: Acts 2-21, 27-28</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Don't be worried</li> <li>○ Never give up</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Travelling long journeys today</li> <li>○ Shipwrecks and castaways</li> <li>○ A map of the Mediterranean</li> <li>○ A pile of letters - How would Paul have sent messages today?</li> </ul>




## Autumn 1 - Old Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b>	<b>A Brave and Mighty Man</b> The story of Gideon: Judges 6-7	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God has a plan</li> <li>○ Trust</li> <li>○ Being brave</li> <li>○ An impossible task</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Piece of loud trumpet music. How would you feel if you heard this.....give different scenarios.</li> <li>○ Discussion about bravery</li> <li>○ A seemingly impossible task for the children to try</li> </ul>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b>	<b>Ruth Finds a New Home</b> The story of a foreigner: Ruth 1-4	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Loyalty and friendship</li> <li>○ A special story with its own book in the Bible</li> <li>○ Being in a new place - new classes at the start of the term.</li> <li>○ Putting others before yourself</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family tree of the people of God</li> <li>○ Personal experience of moving to a new place</li> <li>○ The Brownie Guide Law - Think of others before yourself and do a good turn everyday.</li> </ul>

<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Elijah and the Ravens</b> Elijah in hiding: 1 Kings 16-17</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God is the true God</li> <li>○ God cares</li> <li>○ God provides</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bread - Where did this bread come from?</li> <li>○ A picture of a Raven</li> <li>○ A bird feeder - Birds feeding a man instead of the other way round that is strange.</li> <li>○ What is God like? A statue made of sticks and stones - can this be God?</li> </ul>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b></p>	<p><b>A Jar and a Jug</b> Elijah and the widow: 1 Kings 17</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trust</li> <li>○ God provides</li> <li>○ Miracles</li> <li>○ Promises</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A jar and a jug</li> <li>○ Would you share your very last portion of food with a stranger?</li> <li>○ Flour and oil - What happens when I've used all this up? Not in this story!</li> </ul>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011</b></p>	<p><b>God Sends Fire</b> Elijah and the prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Obedience</li> <li>○ God is the true God</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a great story for drama</li> <li>○ Pour water over a stone and a piece of wood. Will this catch fire?</li> </ul>

<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Hezekiah Trusts God</b>  A miracle of healing:  2 Kings 20,  2 Chronicles 32,  Isaiah 38</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Miracles</li> <li>○ Loyalty</li> <li>○ What makes a good king?</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A king's crown</li> <li>○ The two messages from Isaiah in an envelope</li> <li>○ Shadows and the position of the sun. Can we change them?</li> </ul>
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Down the Well</b>  The Story of Jeremiah:  Jeremiah 38</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Courage and determination</li> <li>○ God always knows where we are</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A rope made of clothes</li> <li>○ A picture of a well - What do you think is at the bottom of the well?</li> <li>○ Where do you usually sit and wait for something?</li> </ul>

## Autumn 2 - Old Testament and New Testament

<b>Week Beginning</b> 	<b>The Story</b> 	<b>Possible Themes and Ideas</b> 
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2011</b>	<b>The Boys Who Liked to Say No</b> Four boys who kept God's rules: Daniel 1	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Following God's rules</li> <li>○ Loyalty - Who are you loyal to?</li> <li>○ Doing the right thing, not the easy thing</li> <li>○ God never forgets us</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keeping promises</li> <li>○ What are God's rules?</li> <li>○ A big plate of vegetables</li> <li>○ What have God's rules and a plate of vegetables got in common?</li> <li>○ Forgetting things - this morning you thought you had everything you needed but .....</li> </ul>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>	<b>The Men Who Liked to Say No</b> The story of the fiery furnace: Daniel 3	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Courage</li> <li>○ Doing the right thing</li> <li>○ Friendship</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A golden statue - could this statue be God? Why not?</li> <li>○ Picture of a fiery furnace.</li> </ul>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>	<b>Daniel and the Lions</b> Daniel in the lions' den: Daniel 6	<b>Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Loyalty</li> <li>○ Prayer</li> <li>○ Worship</li> </ul> <b>Ideas for starting points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An Angel - What do angels do?</li> <li>○ Powerpoint of pictures of lions - What are the characteristics of lions?</li> <li>○ A cuddly toy lion</li> <li>○ Several Daniel storybooks, it's a very well known story.</li> <li>○ A crown - Who is truly our King/Lord?</li> </ul>

<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Esther Was a Star</b> A Jewish girl saves her people: Esther 2-9</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being brave</li> <li>○ Taking a risk</li> <li>○ One person can make a difference.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Show the children the book of Esther in the Bible</li> <li>○ Esther Was a Star. This is the title of the story so, what do you think she did?</li> <li>○ A crown of stars. What do we mean when we say someone is a star?</li> <li>○ Have you ever been in the right place at the right time?</li> <li>○ A scroll with Haman's orders to kill the Jews written on it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b></p>	<p><b>A Time to Build</b> Rebuilding Jerusalem: Nehemiah 1-4</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Beginnings</li> <li>○ Nehemiah is a man with a purpose</li> <li>○ Generosity of the king</li> <li>○ Feeling the sadness of others</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This story is towards the end of the Old Testament timeline</li> <li>○ When you have been away how does it feel to get back home? When you arrive, there is a huge task to do. How do you feel?</li> <li>○ Working together to complete a huge task</li> <li>○ Create a prayer wall</li> </ul>

<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b></p>	<p><b>Angel Visits Mary</b>          Luke 1          This story is not in the Lion Storyteller Bible. Please use your own Bible.</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being given a special job to do</li> <li>○ Saying yes to God</li> <li>○ Angels - God's Messengers</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being surprised by a visitor</li> <li>○ Have you ever been asked to do something really important?</li> <li>○ Artwork depicting the annunciation</li> <li>○ Empathy with Mary</li> </ul>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b></p>	<p><b>The First Christmas</b>          The birth of Jesus: Matthew 1, Luke 1-2</p> <p><b>The Wise Men's Visit</b>          The story of the wise men: Matthew 2</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God's greatest gift to us all</li> <li>○ Love</li> <li>○ God with us</li> <li>○ Good News</li> <li>○ A long journey with a purpose</li> </ul> <p><b>Ideas for starting points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nativity scene characters</li> <li>○ A newspaper</li> <li>○ Straw in a box</li> <li>○ A census scroll</li> <li>○ No vacancies sign</li> <li>○ Artwork depicting the events of this story</li> <li>○ Handel's Messiah - Glory to God</li> </ul>

Hurray! Congratulations, throughout the year you have read the whole Bible, well almost! 